ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN

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Collection Total for April 20, 2025

Envelopes: $2,883.00 (46)
Loose: $147.00
Total: $3,309.00

Weekly Amount Needed: $1,400.00
Building Fund: $315.00 (6)
Holy Land: $412.00 (12)
Religious Education: $90.00 (2)

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April Bulletins: In Memory of Norman Kocher
April Missalettes: In Memory of Cletus & Marie Zwilling & Lorraine & Lucille Dallmier by Raymond & Theresa Zwilling
Available for 2025. Contact Ashley to schedule. Missalette sponsors are still needed. Bulletins are full for 2025. Price is $100 to sponsor missalettes.

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PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, April 27 – Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 2pm.
Monday, April 28 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross, 7pm.
Tuesday, April 29– ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am. *No Sister's in Christ this week.*
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm. Must be 2 people in the church at all times.
Wednesday, April 30 – Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:15am.
Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 5:30pm.
Thursday, May 1 – Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.
Saturday, April 27 – High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, Meal at 5:30pm.
Sunday, May 4 – High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, Meal at 5:30pm.
Saturday, May 10 – Middle School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Olney, Following 5pm Mass.
Saturday, May 17 – First Communion at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm. Pictures will begin at 4:30pm.
Sunday, May 18 – **First Communion at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8am** and Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am. **Pictures will be at Stringtown and Holy Cross following Mass.**

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

+Give thanks to the Lord-Be not afraid-Peace be with you-My Lord and my God+

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. Although we are not able to place our fingers into the wounds or into the side of Christ like St. Thomas, we really do touch Christ every time we receive Eucharist when we receive our God – Body – Blood – Soul - and Divinity! Do you believe this? When we do not realize what we receive we become complacent, insensitive, and even more, unworthy to receive Eucharist. We end up even doubting God's Presence in our daily lives! When we do realize what we receive we become what we receive! Even though we have not seen with our human eyes the face of God, we can believe even more! We believe because He is Worthy- He is Risen - He is the King of the Kings - He is God! Journey onward this Easter season in renewed vigor of believing and receiving Our God who loves us with an infinite LOVE to the point of making us like HIM! Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Tuesday mornings, 10am at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, if interested. **Wednesday evenings**, 5:30pm at Holy Cross Parish Center. Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble. Childcare available.

BAPTISM:

The Sacrament of Baptism represents the first step in a lifelong journey of discipleship. To inquire about a Baptism and/or to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate by emailing ctrimblepa@gmail.com or calling 618-263-7106.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Congratulations to 8th graders receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation! May the Holy Spirit continue to bless your lives! Thursday, May 1- School Board Petitions Due **Friday, May 2-** 10:50 Dismissal

2025 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

The 2025 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 20th.
Donations - Cash donations for the purchase of beef, ham, porkburgers, expense for the entertainment, prizes, and raffles are welcomed and can be given to any Picnic Chair. **Raffles** – Thank you to all the volunteers that signed up to contact businesses and collect donations. Donations can be turned in at the Parish Center after Mass on April 27th. All raffle donations should be turned in by April 30th. **Noodle Day** - Noodle Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th at the Parish Center. A donation sheet for flour and eggs, along with volunteer signup sheet for this date will be available in the back of church. If you unable to contribute physically but would like to help financially toward the purchase of eggs and flour, there will be a donation jar in the back as well. **Meeting Date** - The Picnic Committee Chair's next meeting will be Wednesday, April 30th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Stringtown Parish Center. Thank you!
Picnic Chairs are Lisa Boehl (Financial & Kitchen), Janice Zwilling (Beer Garden, Entertainment, 50/50, Bingo), Francis Ochs (Food Stand), Mona Kocher (Basket Stand), Chad & Jenny Hancock (Raffle Stand); Ethan Steber & Delaney Steber (Cake Stand, Country Store, & Games), Shelly Seaman (Kids Games), and Scott Seiler (Grounds & Maintenance)

VBS ENVELOPES:

Please grab a VBS contribution envelope in the vestibule of church. These envelopes can be dropped into the collection and will help fund the VBS program for our parishes. VBS is scheduled to be held June 8-11th at Holy Cross-Wendelin! More information will be made available regarding VBS at a later date. Contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate or Ashley Hinterscher with any questions. Thank you for your support of this important ministry for our children!

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:30am, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter. Forgiveness is a constant theme in Scripture during this Easter season. Peter had denied Jesus, and Thomas has not believed. Yet they're named in particular in Scripture will go through. Don't miss Bible Study.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, May 8: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
Thursday, May 15: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
Sunday, May 25: Knights of Columbus led Rosary before the Olney 8AM Mass. **Results from the St. Joseph School Baby Wipe Program** for Women, Infants and Children. All Classes participated with the following winners: 7th grade-Mr. Sterchi - 4,892 wipes, 5th grade-Mrs. Jensen - 1,968, 3rd grade - Mrs. Dorn - 2,440, 1st grade - Mrs. Cowman - 1852 and Kindergarten - Mrs. Frye. Kudos for honorable mention to 4th grade - Mrs. Hough - 2,344 and 3rd grade - Mrs. Crane 2,052. There was a total of 22, 128 baby wipes! All students receive an ice cream bar and all the students in the winning classes receive a mini candy bar. Thank you, St. Joseph School students and staff!

STRINGTOWN DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish invites you to join us on April 27th at 2:00pm in the church as we celebrate The Feast of Divine Mercy. We will start with an introduction about The Divine Mercy Message & Devotion followed by reciting The Divine Chaplet. Reception in Parish Center to follow.

2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Hope in the Lord

Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 10,283 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2025 Appeal today…no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

TRI-PARISH CYM QUILT RAFFLE:

CYM will be raffling a quilt after Mass on May 4th at Holy Cross-Wendelin. The quilt is 84"x90" (queen size) and was donated by Ann Bryan and quilted by Debbie Workman. Tickets are $5 each. Proceeds will benefit Mission Trip! Thank you for your support of this fundraiser!

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS*:*

Rick Rennier, Teresa Zehner, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Ralph McIntire

As these souls received the sacrament of Confirmation, continue to guide them with your light and grace, O Lord. Grant them courage to stand firm in their faith, and wisdom to discern your will in their lives. May the Holy Spirit descend upon them like a gentle dove, filling their hearts with love, joy, and peace. Strengthen their resolve to follow Christ, and empower them to be bold witnesses of your truth. Bless their journey of faith, O God, and lead them ever closer to your presence. May they be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and their lives be a testament to your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, O Lord. Amen.

Holy Cross-Wendelin

Ellee Bare – St. Rose of Lima – Sponsor: Patrick Correll

Mattux Hart – St. Francis of Assisi – Sponsor: Ryan Blank

Carly Kessler – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – Sponsor: Kayla Blank

Levi Rudolphi – St. Matthew – Sponsor: Seth Rudolphi

Nora Street – St. Catherine of Siena – Sponsor: Jacelyn Street

Clara Weidner – St. Anne – Sponsor: Kimberly Correll

Kinley Workman – St. Katharine Drexel – Sponsor: Brenda Immke

Hope Zuber – St. Peregrine Laziosi – Sponsor: Tiffany Kuenstler

St. Joseph-Olney

Knox Dorn – St. Lawrence – Sponsor: Gavin Dorn

Bryer Holtschlag – St. Peter – Sponsor: Kevin Bookhout

Kooper Kuhn – St. Christopher – Sponsor Kenny Kuhn

Andrew Lambird – St. Thérèse of Lisieux – Sponsor: Jack Schuester

Piper Mann – St. Christopher – Sponsor: Janie Tompson

Nora McClain – St. Teresa of Calcutta – Sponsor: Avery McKinney

Easton Ochs – St. Hubert – Sponsor: Derek Ochs

Bennett Padilla – St. Michael the Archangel – Sponsor: Julie Hearring

Opal Ridgely – St. Bernadette Soubirous – Sponsor: Carol Potter

St. Joseph-Stringtown

Ian Kocher – St. Isidore the Farmer – Sponsor: Janette Kocher

Grayson Sterchi – St. Christopher – Sponsor: Sarah Boehl

Gabriel Volk – St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows – Sponsor: Lisa Boehl

Nathaniel Zwilling – St. Maximilian Kolbe – Sponsor: Isaac Zwilling

St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Madelyn Abell – St. Francis of Assisi – Sponsor: Angie Ennis

Allyson Helregel – St. Paul – Sponsor: Bethany Ruppel

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy

Sunday, April 27, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Joseph Schneider+" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Monday, April 28, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Joseph & Zola Klingler+"

Tuesday, April 29, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, April 30, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, May 1, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, May 2, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, May 3, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, May 4, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Louis & Lelia Volk+" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

04/27/2025

Servers:
Kaitlyn Ginder
Haley Ginder
Gus Kocher

Lector:
Owen Kocher

EMHC:
Ian Kocher
Janette Kocher
Jamie Kocher

Gifts:
Chad & Jenny Hancock Family

Ushers:
Jack Weidner
Jared Weidner

Greeters:
Werner & Janette Kocher

Children's Liturgy:
Madison & Natalie

05/04/2025

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Amity Zuber
Don Seiler
Julian Seaman

Lector:
Hank Ginder

EMHC:
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Sunday, April 27th, 2025
Sunday of Divine Mercy

✞ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✞

Mon. Apr. 28	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Apr. 29	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Apr. 30	**8:05 am**	***For the Parish***
Thu. May 1	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. May 2	**8:00 am**	**First Friday**
Sat. May 3	**First Saturday**	
9:00 am	at Wendelin	
4:00 PM	at Wendelin	
5:00 PM	***Joe O'Fallon***	
	Maren Zuber	
Sun. May 4		
8:00 am	***Dudley Chamberlin***	
	Alvin Zuber	
	Mary Ann Kuenstler	
8:00 am	at Stringtown	
10:00 am	at Wendelin	
10:00 am	at Lawrenceville	

OUR APRIL SPONSORS

Bulletins: Garai Doll
Missalettes: A Parishioner

OUR TITHES FOR APRIL 20th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = $9,847.00
Easter Envelopes: $9,708 (131)
Envelopes: $5,380 (26) Loose: $643
Guatemala: $100 (4) Easter Flowers: $90 (4)
CSMA: $250 (1) Good Friday: $681 (24)

Let Us Pray For: Margaret Burgener, Keith Kocher, Fr. Bill, Fr. Joe Erbacher, Jeff Beard, Judy Spitz, Clara Rose Wilson, John Bower, Jane Kocher, Kevin Bookhout, Jerry L. Harper, Margaret Fehrenbacher, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, David Fehrenbacher, Marlene Harris, Don Kocher, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Eleanor Steber, Tony Tredway, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling. *Please call or email the Parish Office to add any new names to the prayer list.*

Congratulations to newly baptized *Brooks William Bilyew*, son of Ryan & Rachel (Mosby) Bilyew.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, April 26th

- 11:00 am, Confirmation at Holy Cross.
- Mass for *Edmond, Anna, & Linda Volk, and Living & Deceased Hermina & Francis Zuber.*

Sunday, April 27th - Divine Mercy Sunday

- Mass for Mary Lynch O'Dea, and Albert, Clara, & RoseEllen Hahn.
- Knights of Columbus lead the rosary at 7:40 am.
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All K-3 students are welcome. If you have a child that would like to attend, we would love to see them at 8 am mass.
- Welcome to ***David (St. Joseph) Abell*** to the Catholic Church family! David's sponsor is Herman Zuber. Along with David and his wife, Paige, they will have their two children baptized during mass.
- 2:00 PM, Divine Mercy Sunday, service and confession at Stringtown.
- 5:30 PM, High School Youth Group at Holy Cross starting with a meal at 5:30 pm.

Tuesday, April 29th

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- Kindergarten attends the Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Wednesday, April 30th

- Praying the rosary after mass, Olney.
- 9:15 am, Bible Study, St. Joseph Olney, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter. Forgiveness is a constant theme in Scripture during this Easter season. Peter had denied Jesus, and Thomas has not believed. Yet they're named in particular in Scripture will go through. Don't miss Bible Study.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.

Friday, May 2nd – First Friday

- 8:00 mass, followed by First Friday Communion Visitation at 9 am.

Saturday, May 3rd – First Saturday

- 9:00 am, First Saturday mass at Wendelin.

Sunday, May 4th

- 10:00 am, May Crowning at Holy Cross.
- 5:30 PM, High School Youth Group at Holy Cross

St. Joseph School News

- **Congratulations** to 8th graders receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation! May the Holy Spirit continue to bless your lives!
- Thursday, May 1- School Board petitions due.
- Friday, May 2- 10:50 Dismissal.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **New security system for the parish entrance:** There is a new system in place by the parish office doors. These doors will no longer be unlocked throughout the day. To enter please press the call button on the side of the door, say your name and the reason for your visit, and someone from the office will let you in. If there is no answer within a few minutes, you may also try the call button by the school office during school hours. We are very appreciative for this new security system that will keep our church and school buildings safer.

Divine Mercy Sunday
2:00 pm
Stringtown
Service & Confession

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

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Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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CALENDAR WINNERS - $25
Apr. 20: $500 Annie Whitmore (#445)
Apr. 21: Josh Ochs (#123)
Apr. 22: Samantha Foust (#118)
Apr. 23: Gerald & Theresa (#088)
Apr. 24: Robert Zuber (#151)
Apr. 25: Jeff & Mary Smithenry (#261)

~ DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE NEWS~

Vocation Corner: April 27th

Today's Gospel is the familiar story of Thomas' declaration of unbelief in the Resurrection until "I put my finger in the nail marks." These kinds of thoughts often attack the minds of those discerning a religious vocation. They are seeking that "definite" sign that the path they are pursuing is the right one. The Lord does not always afford that. Let us pray, often and loudly, for these discerners that they "hear the call" of the Lord and continue to respond to it.

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Please consider a gift to the appeal today!
Our parish financial target is $21,855. We have received pledges for $7,234.10. Thank you!

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States, including in our own Belleville Diocese. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Respect Life Corner: April 27th

On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. It provides an important opportunity to share Christ's message of mercy, especially with those who suffer because of their participation in one or more abortions. By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved. Many feel that abortion is "the unforgivable sin." They need to hear that, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives every sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion. In fact, Jesus' message to St. Faustina is that the greater the sinner, the greater the right to His mercy.

2025 Confirmation Candidates

St. Joseph-Olney
Knox Dorn - St. Lawrence
Bryer Holtschlag - St. Peter
Kooper Kuhn - St. Christopher
Andrew Lambird - St. Thérèse of Lisieux
Piper Mann - St. Christopher
Nora McClain - St. Teresa of Calcutta
Easton Ochs - St. Hubert
Bennett Padilla - St. Micheal the Archangel
Opal Ridgley - St. Bernadette Soubirous

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Ellee Bare - St. Rose of Lima
Mattux Hart - St. Francis of Assisi
Carly Kessler - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Levi Rudolphi - St. Matthew
Nora Street - St. Catherine of Siena
Clara Weidner - St. Anne
Kinley Workman - St. Katharine Drexel
Hope Zuber – St. Peregrine Laziosi

St. Joseph-Stringtown
Ian Kocher - St. Isidore the Farmer
Grayson Sterchi - St. Christopher
Gabriel Volk - St. Gabriel of our Lady of Sorrows
Nathaniel Zwilling - St. Maximilian Kolbe

Congratulations to those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation! May the Holy Spirit continue to bless your lives!

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
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Sunday, April 27, 2025
Sunday of Divine Mercy

~ St. Joseph Church ~

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Jeffrey Rosenberg ..... Trustee
Elliot Brazil..... Trustee

~ Welcome ~

The St. Joseph Parish family is a community of believers rooted in the teachings of Jesus.

Join us for mass:
Wednesday 8:00 am
Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am

Live streaming of the 8 am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch it live, go to stjosephchurcholney.com.

New parishioners, please register as soon as you move into our parish. Call the Parish Office (618-392-8181) to receive a new member packet

Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 7:30-3:00 pm

~ Sacraments ~

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:30 PM – 4:45 PM or contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Call 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time of need.

~ St. Joseph School ~

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School Board: Angel Padilla *(Chairperson)*, Heather Colwell, Samantha Foust, Marissa Graves, Andrea Kuenstler, Lauren McClain, Sara Peavler, Doug Kocher *(St. Joseph-Stringtown Representative)*, Holly Nettleton *(Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative)*

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Saturday, April 26, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Andy Ochs+, George Ochs+, and Joseph Schneider+" 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, April 27, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Kevin Frohning+" "Theresa Kirk+" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown**,** 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Monday, April 28, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, April 29, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, April 30, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, May 1, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "For the Parish"

Friday, May 2, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, May 3, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "For the Poor Souls" "Eva Grace Street+" 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Kenneth & Pauline Kistner+" 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, May 4, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Gerald & Linda Blank+" "Albert & Irene Weber+, Donald Herdes+"

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown**;** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

April Bulletins: Kuhl's Trailer Sales
April Missalettes: Olney Knights of Columbus

BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:

Interested in sponsoring a bulletin or missalette as a business, individual, or in memory of loved ones? Have questions or if interested in scheduling, please contact Ashley**. Price to sponsor for a month is $100 for bulletins and $100 for missalettes.**

APRIL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	**Open/Lock/Greet:**
Rusty & Tonya Hall	Eric & Kristi Sandschafer
EMHC:	**EMHC:**
Celia Rudolphi	Phyllis Eggers
Tammy Rudolphi	Breanne Buerster
Kristy Weidner	Ginny Zwilling
Lynn Weidner	Penni Kuenstler
Lectors:	**Lectors:**
Victoria Rudolphi	Tony Kuenstler
Money Counters:	
Dave & Michelle Rauch	
Ushers:	**Ushers:**
Dave Rudolphi	Aaron Eggers
Mark Rudolphi	Victor Sandschafer
Carl Weidner	Eric Sandschafer
Dave Rauch	Austin Zwilling

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. April 20, 2025

(32) Envelope Collection: $1,490.00
Loose: $395.00 **Total: $1,885.00**
(4) Building Fund: $320.00 , (68) Easter Offering: $3,022.00, (1) CSMA: $100.00, (1) VBS: $20.00, (3) Rebuild: $1,030.00, (19) Holy Land: $525.00, (2) Home Mission: $40.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:

As of Wednesday, April 23rd – **$271,948.57** has been received from 382 donations – thank you!

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Carl Klingler, Mary Beth Scherer, Gerry Carter, Franklin Geier, Terry Tolliver, Jane Kocher (Sister of Fred Kuhl and Rose Stark), Wesley Frohning, Wilmajean Geier, Cindy Henson (Daughter of Dean Klingler)

CRMH COMMUNION:

New schedule will be released next week!

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. April 26 – Karly, Ethan, and Chloe Deckard
Sun. April 27 – Lane Smithenry, Nora & Alex Street
Sat. May 3 – Mattux Hart, Levi & Noah Rudolphi
Sun. May 4 – CYM

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, April 27 – Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 2pm.
High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, Meal at 5:30pm.
Monday, April 28– Parish Office Open 9am-12pm.
Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross, 7pm.
Tuesday, April 29 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.
Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10am.
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm. Must be 2 people in church.
Wednesday, April 30 – Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:30am.
Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.
Thursday, May 1 – Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.
Sunday, May 4 – High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin. Meal at 5:30pm. More info to come as may be last for school year!
Saturday, May 10 – Middle School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Olney, following 5pm Mass.
Saturday, May 17 – First Communion at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm. Pictures will begin at 4:30pm.
Sunday, May 18 – **First Communion at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8am and Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am. Pictures will be at Stringtown and Holy Cross following Mass.**

THANK YOU:

Thank you for all the birthday cards, visits, and best wishes for my 92nd birthday. I appreciate every one of them! Ralph Weber

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

+Give thanks to the Lord-Be not afraid-Peace be with you-My Lord and my God+

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. Although we are not able to place our fingers into the wounds or into the side of Christ like St. Thomas, we really do touch Christ every time we receive Eucharist when we receive our God – Body – Blood – Soul - and Divinity! Do you believe this? When we do not realize what we receive we become complacent, insensitive, and even more, unworthy to receive Eucharist. We end up even doubting God's Presence in our daily lives! When we do realize what we receive we become what we receive! Even though we have not seen with our human eyes the face of God, we can believe even more! We believe because He is Worthy- He is Risen - He is the King of the Kings - He is God! Journey onward this Easter season in renewed vigor of believing and receiving Our God who loves us with an infinite LOVE to the point of making us like HIM! Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

BAPTISM:

To inquire about a Baptism and/or to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble.

HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC:

Picnic committee **is still looking** for a member to join their committee. Contact Mareah Rauch (618)-553-6839 or Chris Warfel (618)-843-3367 with questions.

PICNIC WORKER'S LIST:

If you need to change your job for any reason at the picnic, please contact Kristy Weidner (618)-843-8320, Christine Hall 618-544-2019, Marty Klingler 618-843-4305, or Kim Correll (618)-676-5789 **by May 28**. After that you will need to find your own replacement.

VBS ENVELOPES:
VBS contribution envelopes are available in church and can be dropped into the collection. VBS is scheduled to be held June 8-11th at Holy Cross-Wendelin! Contact Caroline or Ashley with questions.

SISTERS IN CHRIST:
Tuesdays, 10am at St. Joseph-Stringtown or **Wednesdays**, 5:30pm at Holy Cross. Contact Kristi or Caroline, if interested. Childcare available.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:
Congratulations to 8th graders receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation! May the Holy Spirit continue to bless your lives! **Thursday, May 1-** School Board Petitions Due **Friday, May 2-** 10:50 Dismissal

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 9:30am, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter. Forgiveness is a constant theme in Scripture during this Easter season. Peter had denied Jesus, and Thomas has not believed. Yet they're named in particular in Scripture will go through.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
Thursday, May 8: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
Thursday, May 15: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
Sunday, May 25: Knights of Columbus led Rosary before the Olney 8AM Mass. **Results from the St. Joseph School Baby Wipe Drive** – All Classes participated with the following winners: 7th -Mr. Sterchi - 4,892 wipes, 5th -Mrs. Jensen - 1,968, 3rd - Mrs. Dorn - 2,440, 1st -Mrs. Cowman - 1852 and Kindergarten -Mrs. Frye. Kudos for honorable mention to 4th -Mrs. Hough - 2,344 and 3rd -Mrs. Crane 2,052. There was a total of 22,128 baby wipes! All students receive an ice cream bar and all the students in the winning classes receive a mini candy bar. Thank you, St. Joseph School students and staff!

LADIES ALTAR SODALITY:
Weekends still available to sponsor drawings for 2025. Sign-up sheet in vestibule. Next drawing will be May 3rd-4th.

CYM QUILT RAFFLE:

CYM will be raffling a quilt after Mass on May 4th at Holy Cross. The quilt is 84"x90" (queen) and was donated by Ann Bryan and quilted by Debbie Workman. Tickets are $5 each. Proceeds will benefit Mission Trip! Thank you for your support of this fundraiser!

STRINGTOWN DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:
St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish invites you to join us on April 27th at 2:00pm in the church as we celebrate The Feast of Divine Mercy. We will start with an introduction about The Divine Mercy Message & Devotion followed by reciting The Divine Chaplet. Reception in Parish Center to follow.

As these souls received the sacrament of Confirmation, continue to guide them with your light and grace, O Lord. Grant them courage to stand firm in their faith, and wisdom to discern your will in their lives. May the Holy Spirit descend upon them like a gentle dove, filling their hearts with love, joy, and peace. Strengthen their resolve to follow Christ and empower them to be bold witnesses of your truth. Bless their journey of faith, O God, and lead them ever closer to your presence. May they be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and their lives be a testament to your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, O Lord. Amen.

Holy Cross-Wendelin

Ellee Bare – St. Rose of Lima – Sponsor: Patrick Correll
Mattux Hart – St. Francis of Assisi – Sponsor: Ryan Blank
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St. Joseph-Olney

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St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Madelyn Abell – St. Francis of Assisi – Sponsor: Angie Ennis
Allyson Helregel – St. Paul – Sponsor: Bethany Ruppel

Sunday, April 27, 2025
Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday
Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

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